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OHIO LEADS THE LINE!

Brother C. Edward Wetzel, Department Commander of Ohio, informs me that a New Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans was instituted at Fostoria, Ohio, on November 10—a Camp of twenty-five charter members, and he promises more.

It will take courage, determination, patience, besides a lot of effort, to enlarge our ranks, but let's follow the example set us by Brother Wetzel. Let the rank and file of our Order go after members, and especially after Sons who are leaders in the Community where they reside; they will get the rest if they are really interested.

I believe if one could visit with a son outside of the Order, find out where his Father or Grandfather enlisted, what battles he was in, then tell him the things accomplished by the Army, Regiment or Company his Father served in, even before he is asked to join; or in case he does not know his Father's record, look it up, then on a second visit tell him what you have found, it would awaken his in-

terest, cause him to desire to become one of us, enjoy his heritage and become a permanent member.

Tell them this story: With springing step, in perfect measure, with waving banners and beating drums, they marched away and returned with faltering tread and slow and painful movement, bearing in their bodies disease that only ended its tortures when life itself faded away.

Go over the history of the troops in the Civil War engaged in actual battle, realizing the vast loss of human life alone, the records of three hundred fighting regiments; show of their numbers one in every three was either killed or wounded.

Brothers, let us always stand as good Americans, working for the continuance of a Great REPUBLIC, and make sure that as the sun each day courses from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it crosses a great Nation, and a Nation of happy homes.

PERLE L. FOUCH,
Commander-in-Chief.



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Headquarters

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN

January 1, 1949.

A WELL LOVED BROTHER HAS GONE

On Christmas day, January 25, 1948, Horace H. Hammer, beloved of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and past Secretary-Treasurer of the Commandery-in-Chief, passed to the Great Beyond...

Our Brother, our Friend, our Benefactor, Brother Horace H. Hammer, has been for years one of the sacred standard bearers of Patriotism in the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Therefore, in memory and in mourning of one who has done so much for our Order, and for us as individuals, let all Charters be draped for the next thirty days, and all possible honors put forth in mourning for our deceased Brother.

QUARTERLY REPORTS—PER CAPITA TAX

Reports, Form 37 and 38, must be forwarded by Department Secretaries not later than January 31, 1949, to National Secretary A. C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J.

Departments will pay per capita tax of ten (10) cents on each member reported in good standing; in addition pay fifty (50) cents membership fee on every member initiated between October 1 and December 1, 1948, inclusive.

Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers will see that their reports, Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax are forwarded to their Department Headquarters immediately after the end of each quarter.

PASSWORD

Department Headquarters have received supply of new passwords—Form OOOO. Camps are to be supplied upon receipt of Quarterly Reports, per capita tax and membership fees.

OFFICIAL ROSTER

The Commandery-in-Chief official roster, 1948-1949, has been supplied to all Departments. Department Commanders will supply each of his Department Officers with a copy.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

As soon as possible Department Commanders will notify the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters of the date and place of their Department Encampments.

FORM 990 INCOME TAX REPORTS

Department, Camp, Commanders and Secretaries:

Under date of February 19, 1943, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., directed that "Annually beginning with your current accounting period, information returns on Form 990 must be filed with the Collectors of Internal Revenue for the various Districts as long as Exemption from the payment of Income Tax remains in force."

NOTE: In question on Form 990, "Have you been advised by Bureau letter of your exemption." Answer: "Yes—Date of letter, June 11, 1941, Sub-section of Section 101, under which you are exempt, 8."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 2 Report of National Treasurer—November-December, 1948, Inc. GENERAL FUND October 30, 1948, Balance \$ 447.94 Receipts: Per Capita Tax \$1,026.50 Membership Fees 21.50 Supplies 147.94 Miscellaneous 8.07 Total Receipts 1,204.01 Disbursements: General Expenses \$1,507.92 Supplies 43.73 Commander-in-Chief's Expenses 28.38 Total Disbursements 1,580.03 December 31, 1948, Balance \$ 71.92

G. A. R. FUND October 30, 1948—Balance \$1,354.54 Receipts: Edgar M. Linsley 27.25 December 31, 1948, Balance \$1,381.79 U. S. GOV'T "G" BONDS Bonds \$6,700.00 Interest received November, 1948 83.75

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT Quarter Ending September 30, 1948 Report Received Camps Members June 30, 1948 Sept. 30, 1948 At Large 1 27 1 27 California & Pacific—Oct. 23 17 477 17 476 Colorado & Wyoming—Oct. 20 4 75 4 76 Connecticut—Nov. 1 27 765 25 742 Illinois—Nov. 1 18 310 18 310 Indiana—Nov. 1 14 292 13 268 Iowa—Nov. 1 14 217 14 217 Kansas—Oct. 25 13 210 13 209 Maine—Nov. 1 27 712 27 705 Maryland—Oct. 11 12 304 12 305 Massachusetts—Nov. 6 99 2,389 96 2,282 Michigan—Oct. 29 13 390 13 379 Minnesota—Nov. 1 6 105 6 105 Missouri—Nov. 1 4 77 4 79 Nebraska—Oct. 27 4 62 4 62 New Hampshire—Nov. 3 17 355 17 353 New Jersey—Oct. 18 19 530 19 525 New York—Nov. 1 58 1,281 56 1,252 Ohio—Nov. 1 46 1,082 46 1,075 Oregon & Wash.—Oct. 20 7 144 7 147 Pennsylvania—Nov. 2 82 2,593 82 2,572 Rhode Island—Oct. 12 14 228 14 232 Vermont—Oct. 18 19 409 19 405 Wisconsin—Nov. 1 12 307 12 305 Total 547 13,341 539 13,108

RECAPITULATION No. in Good Standing June 30, 1948 547 Camps 13,341 Members 13,108 GAIN: By Initiation 56 Members Transfer 2 Reinstatement 36 Total Gain 94 Aggregate 547 13,435 LOSS: By Disbanded 5 67 Death 103 Honorable Discharge 12 Transfer 3 Dropped 3 142 Total Loss 8 327

No. in Good Standing, September 30, 1948 539 13,108 Amount reported in Department Treasuries \$ 6,942.82 Amount reported in Camp Treasuries 64,347.98 Amount expended for relief 1,806.60 CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED June 30 to September 30, 1948 Connecticut—Disbanded Camp No. 10, Danbury with 6 members. Disbanded Camp No. 27, East Hartford, 8 members. Indiana—Dropped Camp No. 72, Danville, with 16 members. Massachusetts—Disbanded Camp No. 10, Marshfield, with 7 members. Disbanded Camp No. 114, Marlton, with 33 members. Disbanded Camp No. 161, Holbrook, 13 members. New York—Dropped Camp No. 6, Rensselaer, with 8 members. Dropped Camp No. 70, Manhattan, with 5 members. Attest: ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Secretary-Treasurer. PERLE L. FOUCH, Commander-in-Chief.

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES

Camps will revise Form No. 1 and Departments will revise Form No. 1 1/2 to conform to the following price list before ordering supplies.

Camps must purchase all official supplies from Department Headquarters on Form No. 1. Supplies from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters will always be shipped to Department Headquarters and NOT to Camps or individuals and only on Form No. 1 1/2 from Department Headquarters.

Table with columns: No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 1/2, 11, 12, 13, 14, A, B, C, D, E, F, H, OOOO, 1 1/2, 2 1/2. Rows include: Requisitions for Supplies, Appl. for 50-year Badges, Appl. for Membership, Transfers, Appl. for War Medals, Honorable Discharge, Past Officers Credentials, Delegates Credentials, Alt. Delegates Credentials, Constitution & Regulations, Statements of Account, Camp Council Quarterly Report, Notices to Delinquent Member, Descriptive Book, Camp Treasurer Receipt Book, Camp Secretary Requisition Book, Minute Book, Ledger, Cash Book, Book—new members to sign, Electros of Badge, Electros of Coat of Arms, Department Supplies, Password, Dept. Requisition for Supplies, P. D. C. Credentials to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Table with columns: 2 1/2, 3 1/2, 4 1/2, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 27D, 28, 28D, 35, 37, 37D, 38, 38D, 45, 49, 60, Dept. Secretary's Cash Book, Dept. Secretary's Requisition Book, Dept. Treasurer's Receipt Book, Badges and Decorations, Membership Badges, Past Camp Commanders Badges, Past Dept. Commanders Badges, War Medals, Fifty Year Badges, Membership Ribbons [Blue], Department Ribbons [Red], Bronze Recognition Button, Camp Seal Presses. Rows include: Delegates Credentials to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, Alt. Delegates Credentials to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, Department Transfer Cards, Rituals, Installing Officers Reports, Organizers Reports New Camps, Camp Charter Applications, Camp Sec'y Quarterly Reports, Dup. Book—Camp Sec'y Quarterly Reports, Camp Treasurers Quarterly Reports, Dup. Book—Camp Treasurers Quarterly Reports, Dept. Sec'y Report Camps Dropped, etc., Dept. Sec'y Consolidated Reports, Dup. Book of Form 37 for record, Dept. Treas. Consolidated Reports, Dup. Book of Form 38 for record, Secret Work Envelopes, Certificates of Election—Dept., Camp Patriotic Instructors Reports, Dept. Secretary's Cash Book, Dept. Secretary's Requisition Book, Dept. Treasurer's Receipt Book, Badges and Decorations, Membership Badges, Past Camp Commanders Badges, Past Dept. Commanders Badges, War Medals, Fifty Year Badges, Membership Ribbons [Blue], Department Ribbons [Red], Bronze Recognition Button, Camp Seal Presses.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Franklin S. Hubbard, National Patriotic Instructor, 5020 18 Ave., Kenosha, Wis.

As your newly appointed Patriotic Instructor, we take this opportunity to offer some suggestions which it is hoped will meet with your approval.

First, we must not forget our most potent project—the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Let us give generously this year to the National G. A. R. Fund that we may have the necessary funds to carry this legislation through the states of Utah and Nevada, where the Sons are not organized.

It was my privilege to attend the Central Region Conference at Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 16-17. This Conference was attended by C-in-C. Perle L. Fouch, Sr. Vice C-in-C. Roy J. Bennett, Council-in-Chief George E. Bailey and Past Com-in-Chief Richard F. Locke. There was good representation of both the Sons and Auxiliary of the Departments of this Region.

In compliance with the request of the Central Region, we contacted Acting Governor Oscar Renebohm of Wisconsin, with the result that the following Proclamation was issued:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE STATE OF WISCONSIN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT A PROCLAMATION

The Gettysburg address of President Lincoln is recognized as an outstanding classic of the ages. It will touch the hearts of men and inspire them with faith in our priceless heritages as long as time endures.

In his memorable address, President Lincoln adjured his fellow countrymen to dedicate themselves to the principles of democracy in order that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

At the request of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, NOW,

THEREFORE, I, Oscar Renebohm, Acting Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby designate November 19, 1948, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, as

DEDICATION DAY

and I suggest that the address be read on that day in the schools and in public assemblages so that our citizens, and particularly our school children, may learn its true significance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I Have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

Acting Governor. Secretary of State.

We suggest that similar action be taken in each state where the Sons are organized, or better yet, have it made permanent by action of the State Legislatures.

At the present time we have knowledge of but four observances of Dedication Day by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1948, U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, together with the teachers and pupils of Guilford Public School, held a program at the Lincoln Statue in Lytle Park.

Under date of Nov. 30, Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, of Columbus, Ohio, observed the day; and the other two which were attended by your National Patriotic Instructor were at Madison and Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 22 and 20 respectively. At Madison the speaker of the evening was the Hon. Loyal T. Beggs, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who is a member of the Madison Camp. At Milwaukee the guest speaker was the Hon. Roland J. Steinle, Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, Wisconsin. During the evening, the Judge imparted

the information that he is the grandson of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, and requested two application blanks that he and his son might join our ranks. Your National Patriotic Instructor was so impressed with the Judge's address that he asked the privilege of having it printed in The Banner and this was granted.

The address appears in this issue and is worth reading carefully.

THE REBEL

(MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, P. D. C., Ohio) This paragraph is about a railroad and not a rebellion.

The Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad operates a main line from St. Louis, Missouri, to Mobile, Alabama, traversing the states of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. Through trains Nos. 1 and 2 are known as the "Rebel" and trains Nos. 15 and 16 are called the "Gulf Coast Rebel." The road itself was formerly called the "Rebel Route." Trains Nos. 1 and 2 run between St. Louis and Mobile.

These names were given to the road and its fast trains by its President, Isaac Burton Tigret. When the Alton Road was taken into the Gulf system, the words "Rebel Route" were taken off the timetable folder and "Alton Route" was substituted, but the names of the train were not changed.

President Tigret is a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln, and the Alton's division's trains Nos. 2 and 3 are named "The Abraham Lincoln," and Nos. 18 and 19 are called "The Ann Rutledge." These trains run between Chicago and St. Louis.

In his history of "American Railroads," Stewart H. Holbrook says "One hopes that President Tigret can integrate the traditions of the Blue and the Gray." It might be added that if the Lincoln trains were operated all the way from Chicago to Mobile, it would be a symbol of "one nation indivisible."

from Del. Musle was rendered by P. D. P. Lillian Wood and was enjoyed by all. After the meeting supper was served.

Commander Manoly is very happy to state the Md. Dept. is gaining in membership.

The 55th Dept. Encamp. will be held in Wilmington, Del., May 13 and 14, at Hotel Du Pont.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT

The many friends of P. D. P. and Past Nat. Patriotic Instructor Emma Bolt will be very sorry to learn of the death of her husband, Benj. F. Bolt, of Kansas City, who died suddenly at his home, 1110 E. Armour Blvd., Jan. 1, 1949, at the age of 73 years. Funeral services were held the following Tuesday at St. James Catholic Church, Kansas City. What makes it doubly sad is that Sister Bolt is and has been an invalid for many years, being bedfast most of the time.

Brother Bolt will be remembered for his many years of interest in the Sons of U. V. Hearing him paint a beautiful word picture, leading up to the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on many occasions, will never be forgotten by those attending our Lincoln Birthday occasions. Both he and Sister Bolt were charter members of the Maj. Wm. Warner Camp and Aux. 36. Despite her invalidism, Sister Bolt is always vitally interested in news of the Aux. to S. U. V.—Mrs. Ida Smith, Dept. Press Cor., 305 Bellfontaine Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

Laconia—Aux. 13 held its regular meeting and inspection at the home of Sister Lillian McIntire, Lakeport, with Pres. Iva Hobbs in the chair. In spite of the heavy rain we had a goodly number of members present. Aux. 13 was inspected by Dept. Insp. Lilla DeMond, of Keene. After a wonderful meeting, a buffet lunch was enjoyed by all. Out of town guests were Dept. Pres. Florence Carver, of Troy; Dept. Insp. Lilla DeMond, Dept. Counselor Arthur DeMond, Mrs. Elvira Gagne, and Mrs. Irene MacKenzie, all of Keene.

New Hampshire was well represented at the New England Regional, held in New Haven, Conn., Oct. 30 and 31, and also at the Nat. Encamp. held in Sept. in Grand Rapids, Mich.—Mrs. Beatrice Parker, Dept. Press Cor., 606 Marlboro St., Keene.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

Philadelphia—Aux. 1 celebrated their 59th anniversary Oct. 16 with a banquet at Degenharts Hall. P. N. P. Clara Gallagher was presented with a pin for 50-yr. membership. Ida Weakly and Ida C. Daiss, also 50-yr. members, were unable to attend, but received the same kind of gift. The affair was attended by members from Harrisburg, New Jersey, Delaware, Media and all the other Phila. Auxs. with our own member, Mae Berry, now residing in Calif. attending. The success of the banquet was due to the untiring efforts of Caroline Moeckel, who was chair-lady and also toastmistress.

Indiana—Aux. 177 sponsored a testimonial dinner and reception honoring Dept. Pres. Beulah Cummins and Dept. Sec. Katherine Kase on Oct. 9 with 100 members and guests attending. When entering the dining hall, Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. Kase walked through an arch of gladtoll and colors. They were escorted by Mrs. W. W. Brillhart and Mrs. Hattie Shattuck, who are the oldest members of Aux. 177. John Lowry, P. C. of the Sons, was toastmaster. The success of the evening was due to the efforts of the committee from Aux. 177. Honored guests attending were J. Clark Mansfield, Dept. Com.; Margaret McKinney, Dept. Treas.; Katherine Joyce, P. N. P.; Mary Liddick, P. N. Treas.; and P. D. C. William J. Blakeley and wife. On Oct. 21 Aux. 177 was inspected by Olive Mowery from Johnstown who brought with her a group from her own

Aux. Preceding the meeting the Inspector was honored at a covered dish supper.

Carlisle—Aux. 50 at its regular Oct. meeting honored Sister Sennett, one of its members, who celebrated her 55th wedding anniversary. Although, due to ill health, Sister Sennett was unable to be present, her daughter extended to her the Auxiliary's best wishes and a box of chocolates. During the meeting a surprise "fashion show" was held by various members who modeled and displayed "Fashion Frock" clothes, which is a money making project of one of the committees.

The regular meeting of the Past Commanders and P. Pres. Assn. of S. Central Pa. was held in Lancaster on Oct. 24. The officers for the coming year were elected with Helen Sprenger of Lancaster elected President.

The Western Pa. Regional Assn. of the S. U. V. was organized Sun., Nov. 7, in Indiana. This was in compliance with the requests of Com. Mansfield and Pres. Cummins. The purpose is to create more interest in the individual organizations and to increase the membership of both the Sons and Auxiliaries. The Pres. elected was P. D. P. Katherine Kase, of Indiana; V. Pres., Olive Mowery, of Johnstown; Sec., Clara E. Lewis, Pittsburgh; Treas., Iva Forsythe, of Elwood City; Pat. Inst., Vada McCurdy, Indiana; Chap., Genevieve Duncan, Elwood City.

Jan. 29 will be the annual Lincoln Birthday banquet by Schuyler Camp and Aux. of Philadelphia. The dinner and dance will be held at McCallisters Hall, 1811 Spring Garden St.

The annual inspection of Aux. 6, Reading, was held in the G. A. R. Hall with Dept. V. Pres. Kathryn Snyder of Pottsville as the Inspector. One new member was initiated. The Aux. was given an excellent rating. Following the meeting a covered dish supper was held in the social room.

At a meeting of the Allegheny County Assn. of orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, the new officers were installed by Clara Lewis of Aux. 198, Pittsburgh. Grace Forsythe, of McKeesport Aux. is the new Pres.; Louise Blakeley, V. Pres.; Warren Beadling, Com. of Davis Star Camp, Jr. V. Pres.; Gene Bridge, Ladies of the G. A. R., Treas.; and Katharine Joyce, P. N. P., will again serve as Sec. Plans are underway for the Lincoln Banquet to be held in Memorial Hall on Feb. 12 with Martha Fichter as chairman.

Aux. 198, Pittsburgh, had their inspection following the Dedication Day Dinner in Memorial Hall Nov. 16. A large attendance was in evidence, and we were honored with the presence of the Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Emma Snyder. Nan Vernon, Supt. of the Hawkins Home, was also present, as well as several out of town members. The inspecting officer, Martha Fichter, of McKeesport, complimented the members on their fine work and attendance at the meeting.

Aux. 177, Indiana, met in the Memorial Hall Thurs., Dec. 18, for a very delightful Christmas party and the election of officers for the coming year. As, the Dept. Pres. is from Indiana we had a number of social activities honoring her. A contribution was made to the Tuberculosis fund. Also a donation to the Arlington Home for Boys. Over 60 gifts were donated by the members and sent by the Pres. to the Brookville Home. Sister Cummins asked her Aux. together with all Auxs. to contribute most wholeheartedly to the Chief-of-Staff fund the entire year. This most pleasant evening closed with the singing of Christmas carols in a candle lighted Christmas sprited fashion by some 60 members present.

Aux. 50, Carlisle, held their annual Christmas party along with their regular meeting. The meeting was called for an earlier hour so that the children of the members could en-

joy the party. Santa paid a visit and presented each with a gift and the children with paint books. Following the singing of carols and the playing of Bingo, delicious refreshments were served.—Martha R. Wilson, Dept. Press Cor., 204 N. College St., Carlisle, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

Westerly—The Aux. tendered a reception to Dept. Pres. Lucy Leslie Nov. 4, in the V. F. W. hall. The grand march was led by the Aux. Guides and Color Guards, Sisters Mary Lewis, Alice Lawton, Margaret Lyon and Frances Norman, who later escorted through the lines our Dept. Pres. and her husband, Robt. Leslie, P. D. C. of Conn. Dept., and Sister Gladys Lawton, chairman of the committee. With Dept. Pres. Leslie and her staff of officers in the reception line were many Dept. Officers of both Sons and other patriotic orders, as well as Past Nat. Officers of the Aux. A. Waller Lewis of the Sons of U. V., extended a hearty welcome to Dept. Pres. Leslie and husband, and to all others present. A fine program in charge of Sister Gladys Lawton, was then given, which was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served following the program. Many gifts were presented to Dept. Pres. Leslie.

Providence—Aux. 7 celebrated its 26th anniversary at V. F. W. hall. Only two charter members of the Aux. are still living—Sister Martha Barrows, our first Pres., and Sister Amy Martin, the second. Neither were able to be present but sent letters of regret at not being able to attend. During the business meeting the charter was draped in memory of Past Pres. Margaret Reavy, wife of P. D. C. Frank S. Reavy, who presented a gift of money to the Aux. in her memory. Music was rendered by Dept. V. P. Alice Crosley, and songs were sung by the Maybelle F. H. Oatley Jr. Aux. A huge birthday cake was cut by Aux. Pres. Ellen Baker, which was served with other refreshments. Many Dept. guests were present.—Alice H. Cheney, Dept. Press Cor.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT

District Meetings—The annual picnic of Dist. No. 4 was held on Aug. 1 at the home of P. D. C. L. E. Abbott with an attendance of 43. Dist. No. 5 met on Aug. 21 for supper at the restaurant, after which the meeting was held. Dept. Com. Mervin Pierson and Dept. Vice Pres. Inez Robinson were honored guests. A program was given and P. D. C. Chadwick announced plans for a foliage tour. On Sept. 19 the meeting took the form of a picnic at the Gassetts school, attended by about 100. Dept. Coms. of both Vt. and N.H. were present as well as P. D. Cs. and P. D. Ps. Refreshments were sold, picnic lunch enjoyed and an interesting program given over an amplifier.

Department Receptions—D. of U. V., S. of U. C. W., and W. R. C. tendered a reception to Dept. Com. Mervin Pierson and Nellie Barnard, Dept. Pres. W. R. C., at Springfield, Sept. 18. Among the honored guests was a group of "Gold Star Mothers" from Keene, N. H. An interesting program was given, refreshments of punch and wafers served to over 200, and dancing was enjoyed.

On Oct. 22 a reception was tendered Dept. Pres. Gladys Premo and her staff in K. P. Hall, Montpelier. Many Dept. officers of both Sons and Aux. were present. Other honored guests were Homer Atkins, Dept. Com. of N. H.; Lydia Randall, P. D. P., Ladies of the G. A. R.; Laura Phillips, Dept. Jr. V. P. of the W. R. C. After a program of music and speaking, refreshments were served to about 100.

Inspections have been conducted by Insp. Rita Osborn and Asst. Insp. Glenna Bumps.—Sue Abbott, Dept. Press Cor., R. F. D., West Danville, Vt.